GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL CUTTING OF TREES IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cutting of trees illegally reported in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) the number of persons against whom cases have been registered;

(c) whether illegal occupants of land are clearing the ridge area of Delhi; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps, the Government propose to take to prevent the illegal cutting of trees?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) As intimated by Delhi Government, thirty six cases of cutting of trees illegally were reported in Delhi during 1st May, 2000 to 31st Oct.,2000. Cases against 58 persons were registered for cutting of the trees illegally, out of which 7 persons were booked for the reserved Green Belt Area and remaining 51 for other areas under the Delhi Tree preservation Act 1994.

(c) & (d) As reported by Delhi Government, no such cases have been reported by any of the agency responsible for the management of Ridge Reserved Forest. All the agencies responsible for the management of the Ridge are vigilant enough to protect the Trees on the Ridge Reserved Forest Areas.